





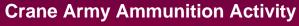
## Infrared (IR) Illuminating Mortar Cartridges

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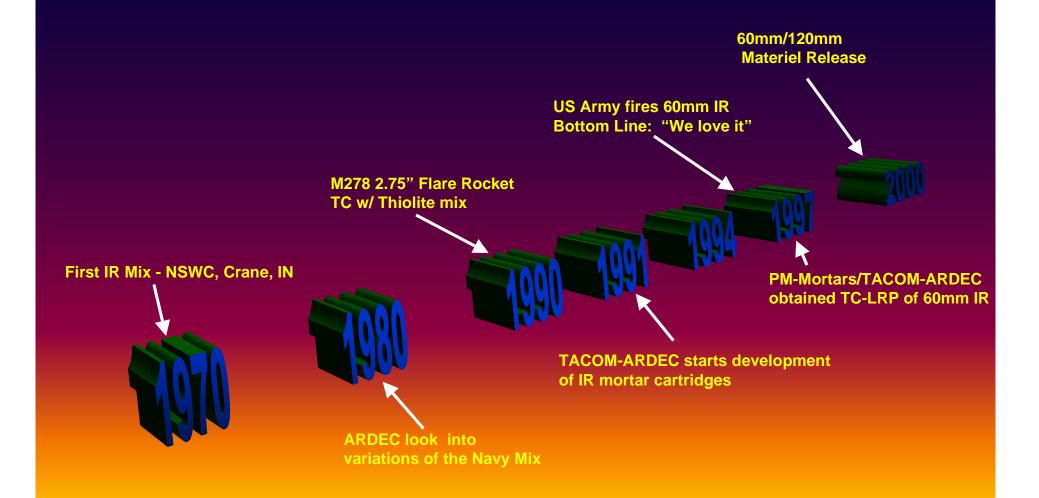






# IR Technology: History/Background







#### 60mm IR Illum Mortar Cartridge

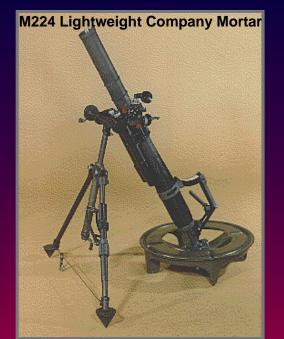


Enhancing the Light Infantry's night vision capabilities

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- Maximum Range 3,500 m
- Rate of Fire Maximum 30 rounds for four min
  Sustained 20 rounds/min
- Illumination output 60 watts/steradian for 40 secs



**USER PAYOFF** 

- Illuminates throughout the range band of HE
- Enhances NVD Capabilities
- Reduced Shadows/Sharper Images
- Provides Minimal Visible Light
- Supports "Own the Night" missions



### 81mm IR Illum Mortar Cartridge



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- **Infantry Center** 
  - **M252 Improved Mortal**

- Maximum Range 5,700 m
- Rate of Fire Maximum 30 rounds/min for two min Sustained - 15 rounds/min
- Illumination output 75 watts/steradian for 60 secs



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### 120mm IR Illum Mortar Cartridge



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M120 Towed Mortar

- Maximum Range 7,200 m
- Rate of Fire Maximum 16 rounds first minute

  Sustained 4 rounds/minute
- Illumination output 100 watts/steradian for 50 secs



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#### **Relative Mortar Illumination**



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#### **Illumination Area Effectiveness:**



81mm

1.5

M853A1 Illum

2.1

81mm

XM816

IR IIIum

2.9

120mm XM930 Illum

3.9

4.2 Inch M335A2 Illum

120mm XM983 IR IIIum



60mm XM767 IR IIIum

1.4

60mm M721

Illum

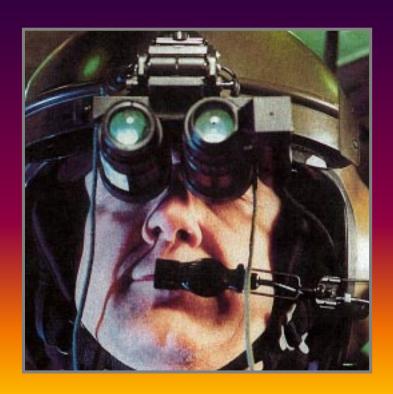


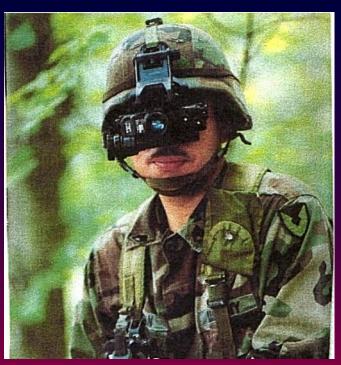
## **Night Vision - Mission Support**



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#### From the ground warrior...





... to the air fighter. We support them all!!!